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TOPEKA, KANSAS MAN SENTENCED FOR DISTRIBUTING CRACK COCAINE

TOPEKA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Tony C. Baird**, 33, Topeka, Kansas, was sentenced on August 6, 2004, by U.S. District Judge Richard D. Rogers to **37 months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by three years of supervised release.**

Melgren said that Baird entered a guilty plea on April 22, 2004, to three counts of distributing crack cocaine.

Melgren stated that Baird admitted at his plea that he sold crack cocaine on June 27, 2003, August 21, 2003, and October 2, 2003, in amounts varying from 6.2 grams (.22 ounce) to 7.6 grams (.26 ounce), to a confidential informant working with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Strike Force in Topeka, Kansas.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Randy Hendershot in this prosecution.